



HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE MEDIA ALERT

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HFD to Honor Department's Trailblazers at Annual Breakfast

WHAT: The Houston Fire Department will honor six HFD "Trailblazers" during the Third Annual Trailblazers Breakfast.

WHEN: Friday, February 29, 2008 starting at 9 a.m.

WHERE: Westchase Houston Marriott, 2900 Briarpark Dr.

DETAILS: Fire Chief Phil Boriskie, Council Member Wanda Adams and other representatives from the fire department will recognize the first black fire marshal, the first hispanic deputy chief, the first black communication deputy chief, the first female senior captain, the first black union president and a special "topgun". This year, a scholarship will also be given to a Houston area youth.

The first breakfast, in 2006, honored and thanked the Class of 1955 - the first class of African-Americans to be sworn in as HFD firefighters. The goal of this annual breakfast is to recognize the trailblazer's efforts while seeking to establish a scholarship fund for deserving young students who wish to continue their education after completing high school.

The Trailblazers event was envisioned by Executive Assistant Chief Rick Flanagan and endorsed by Fire Chief Boriskie, because of their commitment to the integrity of the fire department and to honor the pioneers in the department.